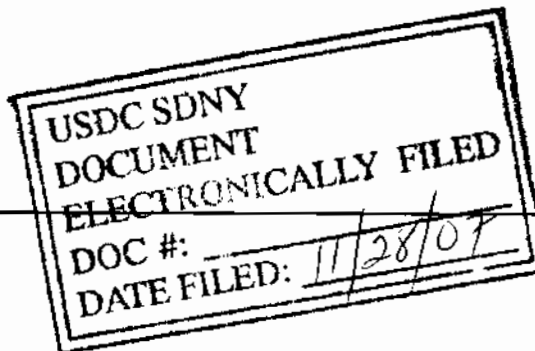


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November 26, 2007

BY HAND

The Honorable Loretta A. Preska
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Suite 1320
New York, New York 10007

Re: Nugdalla v. Chertoff, et al.,
07 Civ. 8198 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

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LORETTA A. PRESKA
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
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This Office represents defendants in the above-referenced action challenging an alleged delay in the adjudication of plaintiff Mohammed Ahmed Nugdalla's application for Temporary Protected Status ("TSP"). The Government's answer to plaintiff's complaint is due today, November 26, 2007.

I write respectfully to request a thirty-day extension of time, from November 26, 2007, until December 26, 2007, to respond to ~~the complaint in this case.~~ We make this request because this Office has not yet received the relevant agency files from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and will require time to review these materials in order to respond to plaintiff's allegations.

This is the defendants' first request for an extension of time in this case. Plaintiff's counsel, Steven A. Mundie, Esq., consents to this request.

We thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

SO ORDERED

Loretta A. Preska
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

November 27, 2007 By:

Respectfully,

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